

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Users Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Labor

### 2. Fiscal Year

2019

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Users Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

33450

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

10/24/2016

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

10/24/2018

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

### 13. Effective Date

10/04/2007

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

### Current FY Next FY

### 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Data Users Advisory Committee (DUAC) functions as an advisory body to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Committee provides advice on technical matters related to the analysis and use of the Bureau's statistics from the points of view of data users from various sectors of the U.S. economy, including the labor, business, research, academic and government communities. It gives particular attention to data dissemination and product innovations. The specific topics examined are selected by the agency in consultation with the Committee chairperson. The Committee provides advice in response to presentations from agency staff regarding current issues being addressed by the agency. This advice is typically given during Committee meetings.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Committee members are persons with demonstrated professional and personal qualifications, whose experience as BLS data users cover the major program areas of the Bureau: employment, unemployment, wages, working conditions, prices, and productivity.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee meets twice yearly, in the spring and the fall, to discuss technical issues related to the analysis and use of BLS data. The topics addressed during the meetings are selected by senior BLS staff in consultation with the Committee chairperson. The substantial involvement of senior agency executives in the formulation of meeting agendas is evidence of the relevance of the meetings.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee is needed to provide advice on the statistical analysis and use of BLS data from a customer perspective. BLS data must satisfy a number of criteria, including consistently high statistical quality, accuracy, relevance to current social and economic issues, timeliness in reflecting today's rapidly changing economic conditions, and impartiality in subject matter and presentation. BLS products must ultimately be judged by their usefulness to the end user community. DUAC is a significant source of advice on BLS priorities from a broad range of data users, such as suggestions concerning the addition of new programs, changes in the emphasis of existing programs or cessation of obsolete programs, and advice on innovations in data dissemination and presentation.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Not Applicable

**21. Remarks**

The charter was signed on October 11, 2018. The Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates holding two DUAC meetings each year, one in mid-fall and one in the spring.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Michael Levi Associate Commissioner

**Narrative Description**

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**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

The DUAC provides advice to BLS from the points of view of data users. The benefits are difficult to quantify because they accrue to BLS customers in the form of better data products.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

36

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The recommendations referenced in this comment section are for FY 2018.

Recommendation 1. Market the "At a Glance" webpages to journalists, such as the Society of American Business Editors and Writers (SABEW). This organization would be a great constituency to provide feedback on information that combines data from across BLS programs into overviews by industry and geographic area. Recommendation 2: Speak with workforce development professionals to discuss approaches to publicizing revamping modeled wages, and contact the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA). The information in this new product would be very useful to individuals who work in human resources, unions, workforce development, and possibly educators.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

50%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

BLS has fully implemented recommendation 1. The At a Glance team gathered feedback from stakeholders on their proposed redesigned webpages.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

BLS has not not made progress on recommendation 2. Due to decreased resources the program has pushed back the timeframe for publicizing modeled wages estimates from FY 2018 to FY 2019 because the work has not been completed to publish a full set of variances for these data. The program plans to publish a full set of variances in FY 2019 and will begin publicizing the data at that point. The program plans to reach out to potential users in the fall.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

Ongoing feedback is scheduled as an agenda item at upcoming meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

Not Applicable

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

## Grant Review Comments

No grants reviewed

## How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Access Comments

Contact DFO